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HAND DELIVER

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company - D.T.E. 05-43

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find a copy of the responses of The Berkshire Gas Company to the Second Set of Information Requests of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy for filing in the above-referenced proceeding. These responses are also being submitted electronically.

Please call me if you require further assistance with respect to this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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By: 

James M. Avery

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Enclosure

cc: John J. Geary, Esq., Hearing Officer (w/2 enc via hand delivery)
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**Department of Telecommunications and Energy
Second Set of Information Requests**

**THE BERKSHIRE GAS COMPANY
DTE 05-43**

Witness: Jennifer M. Boucher
Date: July 13, 2005

Question

DTE 2-1: Refer to Att. 2, at 1, line 12. Has the average price of \$0.4109 been rounded or truncated to four decimal places? If so, please explain the Company's rationale regarding the use of rounding or truncating in this filing and how this compares to the method used to design rates in The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 01-56 (2002).

Response: The average price of \$0.4109 shown on Att. 2, at 1, line 12 is rounded to four decimal places, similar to the Company's presentation of rates in dockets D.P.U. 92-210, D.T.E. 01-56 (2002) and D.T.E. 04-52. The \$0.4109 represents the Company's average price per therm for distribution service after increasing the normalized 2004 revenues by the allowed inflation adjustment of 1.37%. That being said, the average price is provided for illustrative purposes only; the increases by rate class are determined by multiplying the current distribution rates approved in D.T.E. 04-52 times the inflation adjustment of 1.37%.